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SUBJECT: UGANDA MAY BE OPEN TO MANPADS STRATEGY

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Classified By: PolOff Jarahn Hillsman for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (S/NF) Summary: Post has considered reftel Horn of Africa MANPADS Acquisition Engagement and Plan of Action Strategy for Uganda. Mechanisms

GOU Shares Counter-Proliferation Concerns

2. (S/NF) The GOU has demonstrated its willingness to work with the USG to combat terrorism and further East African security initiatives, par

GOU Committed to SA/LW DESTRUCTION; Open to U.S. Engagement

3. (S/NF) The GOU in 2007 worked with SaferAfrica, UNDP, the U.S., and other international partners to identify and destroy small arms and liq

Yemen Acquisition Possible

4. (S/NF) A Yemen-like acquisition plan could be reached with the GOU. The primary Ugandan counterpart would be the Ugandan People's Defense F

Timing And GOU Partners

5. (S/NF) The GOU has demonstrated political will to tighten arms proliferation, combat global terrorism, and push forward on East Africa peac

6. (S/NF) The primary GOU interlocutors would likely be the following:

--Ministry of Defense;

--Uganda People's Defense Force (UPDF);

--National Focal Point on Small Arms and Light Weapons;

--Parliament's Committee on Military and Internal Affairs; and

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--Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Pitfalls OR Challenges to Strategy Implementation

7. (S/NF) The GOU's military sales relationship with North Korea might hinder engagement. For three years, the GOU has refused to allow us acc